Reorientation of Government's Shipping Policy

6852. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a complete reorientation of the Government's Shipping Policy has been suggested by the Asian Institute of Transport Development;

(b) what are the details of the suggestions made by the Institute; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government to the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Asian Institute of Transport Development has made certain suggestions for the development of shipping industry. The important measures suggested by them relate to cargo support, fiscal incentives, simplification of procedure for sale & purchases of ships, support to build up shipping fleet, increase of Indian lines share in carriage of general cargo and Acquisition of cellular container vessels for carriage of general cargo etc. These measures have been considered while reviewing the shipping policy The Shipping Corporation of India has recently acquired three cellular container vessels to increase the Indian lines' share in carriage of general cargo.

Financial Assistance for a Ring Road in Nagpur

6853. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of financial assistance proposed to be given to the Maharashtra Government for the completion of ring road in Nagpur;

(b) what is the amount disbursed so far; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Initially, construction of Ring Road in Nagpur was decided in 1986 to be taken up on cost sharing basis between Government of India, State Government of Maharashtra and Nagpur Improvement Trust. Estimates for an aggregate amount of Rs 140.21 lakhs as Central share were sanctioned for Survey/ Investigation, Land Acquisition and Shifting of Utilities. Subsequently, the State Government decided to complete the Ring Road from their own funds.

Pending Applications for Stevedore Licences

6854. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of applications for stevedore licences are pending with the various Port Trust Authorities;

(b) what is the number of pending applications, Port-wise; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in granting the licences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE

TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of applications pending at various ports is as under:

Name of the Port Trust	No. of applications pending
1. Cochin Port Trust	2
2. Madras Port Trust	1
3. Tuticorin Port Trust	29
4. Bombay Port Trust	31

(c) The delay in granting licences at Tuticorin Port Trust is due to stay orders of the Madras High Court. At the Bombay Port Trust, with the merger of the Dock Labour Board, new criteria for grant of licence are to be evolved before the applications are processed

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1991-92) of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park. Darjeeling and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Animal Walfare Board of India, Madras and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): Madam I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling, for the year 1991-92, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Park.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above [Placed in Library *See* No. LT. 5864/94]

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Animal Welfare Board of India, Madras, for the year 1992-93, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above [Placed in Library *See* No. LT. 5863/94]

Notification of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SATISH SHARMA) : Madam I lay on the Table, under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Notification S.O. No. 80(E), dated the 1st February, 1994, publishing the Light Diesel Oil (Fixation of Ceiling Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1994 [Placed in Library *See* No. LT. 5916/94]

Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Rehabilitation Plantations Limited, Punalur (Kerala) and relate of papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : Madam I lay on the Table—

(I) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 :—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rehabilitation Planations Limited, Punalur (Kerala), for the year 1992-93, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.